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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal;
2. Credit Card Payment Form (PTO-2038) in the amount of \$790.00 to cover the Request for Continued Examination fee;
3. Fourteenth Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement Filing Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b);
4. Two pages of Form PTO/SB/08A listing documents US5-US11 and FP3-FP13;
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6. Four pages of Form PTO/SB/08B listing documents NPL27-NPL65;
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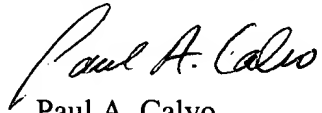
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